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REPRESENTATIVE MEYERS RESPONSE TO STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

MADISON – State Representative Beth Meyers (D – Bayfield) issued the following response to Governor Scott Walker’s State of the State speech which took place within the Assembly Chambers on Tuesday night.

“Governor Walker’s address tonight comes with the state radically altered from the time he came into office 6 years ago. Tonight, Governor Walker touted his record on the economy and taxes, and painted a rosy picture of where the state is. But the truth is, Wisconsin’s growth has been held back by his policies. When states around us are thriving, we are held back by a degrading infrastructure, insufficient resources for education, and workers saddled with student debt unable to contribute fully to economic growth,” said Meyers.

Governor Scott Walker gave his sixth annual State of the State address on Tuesday night. The Governor mainly focused on his recent announcement to address tuition debt, with a legislative package to help offset the price of college and reduce the cost of student loan debt. Similarly, Assembly Democrats introduced their own comprehensive package in December of 2015.

His speech also mentioned the 2020 Vision Project, where the Governor plans on holding listening sessions throughout the state. While his speech was often times sentimental, he did not mention the recent legislative proposals which have been introduced this legislative session, nor did he highlight any of the policies which were included in the biennial budget.

“This legislative session has been filled with legislative policies that have eroded local control and opened the door to environmental destruction over the wishes of local communities. I’m hopeful that in the coming year Governor Walker and the Majority Party will put forth ideas that are meant to improve the lives of all Wisconsinites, and not just Madison special interest groups,” stated Meyers.

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